

# HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, FORESTRY, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

327 House Office Building

Thursday 8:30 A.M.

June 15, 2006

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**Representative David Hildenbrand, Vice-Chair**, called the meeting to order.

**Representative Hildenbrand** requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

**Present:** Representatives Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltrown, Gillard and Espinoza.

**Absent:** Representative Casperson.

**Representative Espinoza** moved, supported by **Representative Garfield**, to excuse the absent member.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

**MEMBER ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representative Casperson.

**Representative Garfield** moved, supported by **Representative Nitz**, to approve the minutes of the **June 8, 2006** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

**The Vice-Chair laid SB 1105** before the committee.

SB 1105	McManus	Natural resources; hunting; apprentice hunting license for persons without hunter safety training; create and increase license fees for nonresident youth.
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**Senator Michelle McManus, sponsor of SB 1105**, explained her bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

**Rodney Stokes and Dennis Knapp**, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, submitted a testimony card in **support of SB 1105** and were available to answer questions if needed.

**Timothy Johnson**, representing the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners, testified in **support of SB 1105**.

**Jason Dinsmore**, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in **support of SB 1105**. Questions and discussion followed.

**Rob Sexton**, representing the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance, testified in **support of SB 1105**. Questions and discussion followed.

The Vice-Chair placed the committee at ease at 8:45 a.m.

The Vice-Chair called the meeting back to order at 8:48 a.m.

**David Dalton**, representing the MSC Camp Wilderness Outdoor Education for Youth, testified in **opposition to SB 1105**. Mr. Dalton also submitted written testimony.\*

**Mike Parker**, representing Pheasants Forever, submitted a testimony card in **support of SB 1105** but did not wish to speak.

**Vice-Chair Hildenbrand** offered the following amendments to **SB 1105**.

1. Amend page 5, line 4 after "**LEAST**" by striking out "**12**" and inserting "**10**".
2. Amend page 5, line 7, after "**LEAST**" by striking out "**14**" and inserting "**12**".

**Representative Nitz** moved, supported by **Representative Gillard**, to adopt the Hildenbrand amendments **for SB 1105**.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 8-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Baxter, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**Representative Garfield** moved, supported by **Representative Espinoza**, to report out **SB 1105** as substitute (**H-2**) with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 8-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Baxter, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**SB 1105 reported out as substitute (H-2) with recommendation.**

**The Vice-Chair laid SB 912, SB 913, SB 914, SB 917 and SB 919** before the committee.

SB 912	Van Woerkom	Property tax; classification; tax incentive for managing private forestland through a development rights agreement; provide for.
SB 913	Stamas	Taxation; other; qualified forest property recapture tax; create.
SB 914	Allen	Education; other; qualified forest property; exempt from operating mills.
SB 917	Johnson	Taxation; specific property; specific tax on certain commercial forests subject to certain conservation easements; modify.
SB 919	Birkholz	Economic development; renaissance zones; forest products renaissance zones; create.

**Kieran Marion**, from **Senator Shirley Johnson's** office, explained **SB 917** to the committee.

**Gene Lutherloh**, representing **Senator Gerald Van Woerkom's** office, submitted a testimony card **in Support of SB 912** but did not wish to speak.

**Peggy Johnson**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury testified in **support of SB 912, SB 913 and SB 914**.

**James McBryde**, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, testified in **support of SB 919**.

**Ben Miller**, representing the Forestland Group/Butzel Long, testified in **support of SB 917**. Questions and discussion followed.

**Rodney Stokes**, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, submitted a testimony card in **support of SB 917**. Mr. Stokes answered questions about **SB 917** for the committee.

The following submitted testimony cards indicating **support for the Forestry Bill package (SB 912, SB 913, SB 914, SB 917 and SB 919)** but did not wish to speak.

**Pam Atkins**, representing the Michigan Association of Timbermen and the Timber Producers Association of Michigan and Wisconsin

**Gordon Terry**, representing the Michigan Forest Association

**Erin McDonough**, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs

The Following submitted cards in **support of SB 917** but did not wish to speak.

**Steve Arwood**, representing the Heart of the Lakes

**James Clift**, representing the Michigan Environmental Council

**Mickey Knight**, representing the Michigan Assessors Association, submitted a testimony card indicating **opposition to SB 912 and SB 917** but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **9:23 a.m.**

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Representative David Hildenbrand, Vice-Chair

Dave Mead  
Committee Clerk  
June 15, 2006  
53 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed

\* indicates printed material submitted.